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Honorable George McGovern, Chairman
Subcommittee on International Operations
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of 17 August dealt with a number of matters relating to the Central Intelligence Agency's cooperation with the Subcommittee on International Operations' investigation of foreign intelligence activities in the United States. As you and members of the Subcommittee staff know, the Agency is by statute specifically denied any police, law enforcement, or internal security functions (Section 102 (d)(3), National Security Act of 1947 as amended). The specific question of foreign intelligence service harassment, intimidation, and surveillance of residents of the United States is particularly the province of other Government departments.

In an effort to be as cooperative as possible with the Subcommittee's investigation, we provided staff members Michael Glennon and John Ritch with a series of briefings on the organization and operation of the intelligence services of the five nations mentioned in your letter. These sessions included whatever limited information we have developed on the activities of those intelligence services in the U.S. Messrs. Glennon and Ritch had the opportunity to question the briefers and to take notes throughout the sessions.

"Re-interviews" of all the individuals who briefed the staff would be impractical since several of the briefers have recently departed for assignments overseas. My impression is that the request for "re-interviews" stems from a desire on the part of Messrs. Glennon and Ritch to make certain that they have understood any points that were made about foreign intelligence service activities in the U.S. during the briefings. As an alternative to time-consuming on-the-record sessions that would produce no new substantive information about the Subcommittee's specific concerns, may I suggest that Messrs. Glennon and Ritch allow us to clarify in writing any specific points about which they feel uncertain. We would also hope to have the opportunity to ensure the accuracy of those portions of any Subcommittee staff report which are based on oral interviews with Agency personnel. We regularly perform these kinds of services for Congressional groups whose responsibilities result in access to Agency material.

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